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RAJYA SABHA

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

(a) THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIG VIJAY SINGH): (a) Land acquisition is in progress and work is being done on the basis of advance possession. Earthwork and bridge work are in progress in 18 sections out of 27. Amravati Station Building is nearing completion.

The year-wise expenditure is as under :—

Year	Rs. in crores
1993-94	Nil
1994-95	0.5271
1995-96	5.1984
1996-97	4.7377
1997-98	5.8745
1998-99	10.3549
1999-2000	6.2622

(b) to (d) Target date has not yet been fixed. The work is being progressed as per availability of resources.

Rail under-bridge in Bhopal

‡3554. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the representation received by the Railways for construction of rail under-bridges in Bhopal city;

(b) what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) by when the sanctioned under-bridges are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Proposals have been received from State Govt. / Local Authority for construction of the four Road Under Bridges on "Deposit Terms; at Chola Road near level crossing No. 252/A, Rachana Nagar at Kms. 832/15-17, Subhash Nagar near level crossing No. 249 at Km. 833/22-24 and at Aishbag near stadium between Bridge No. 834/1 & level crossing No. 250/C.

‡ Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) and (c) Road Under Bridges at 3 locations *i.e.* Chola Road, Rachana Nagar and Subhash Nagar are feasible. Road Under Bridge at Aishbag is not feasible due to site conditions. Railway will take up execution of these works after the initial formalities are completed by the State Government/Local authority and full estimated cost is deposited with the Railways.

Gauge conversion of Jabalpur-Gondia Line

† 3555. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) since when the matter regarding gauge conversion of Jabalpur-Gondia narrow gauge line in Madhya Pradesh has been under Government's consideration;

(b) whether any action in the matter has been taken so far by the department;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) by when the work is likely to be started and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (d) Conversion of Jabalpur—Gondia narrow gauge line into broad gauge is a sanctioned project. The work has been taken up on Gondia-Balaghat section and the final location survey is in progress from Balaghat to Jabalpur. The target date of completion of this project has not yet been fixed.

Passenger Amenities in Railways

3556. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA':

SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been no increase/improvement in passenger amenities in the Railways, in comparison to increase in passenger fares, for the last several years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any time-bound action plan has been prepared for this purpose;

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